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**TESTIMONIAL
RESOLUTIONS
AND SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE**

Testimonial Resolution
In Memoriam

Loriess Delores Sisco

May 23, 1929 – July 19, 2019

WHEREAS

Loriess Delores (Boyd) Sisco was born May 23, 1929 to the union of the late Irene Thomas and Henry Boyd in Mobile, Alabama. She is the oldest of twelve children; *and*

WHEREAS

Loriess completed her educational studies at the local school system. At the age of eighteen, she met and married the love of her life, Ernest T. Sisco, Jr. The loving couple migrated north to Detroit, Michigan in the 1940's to take advantage of the opportunities in the auto industry; *and*

WHEREAS

The couple originally lived on Maybury Grand, before the houses were bought out for the expansion of what is now I-94. Later they moved to 3845 Vinewood in 48208 where she would raise her eight children and enjoy her golden years; *and*

WHEREAS

Loriess was a successful homemaker and house wife for twenty years before entering the workforce and ultimately retiring in the mid 1990's as a Nurse's Aide at the Eastwood Convalescent Center. Her experience raising her eleven brothers and sisters in the south and her own eight children gave her the knowledge, compassion and discipline to make her a valued family matriarch, community member and employee; *and*

WHEREAS

Loriess Delores Sisco, eldest sibling of twelve, mother of eight, grandmother of twenty and great-grandmother of eleven, made her transition peacefully on Friday, July 19, 2019, surrounded by family who loves her dearly. She will be missed by a host of family, friends and connections she made throughout her full and lively lifetime.

THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED

Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López and the entire Detroit City Council extend our sincere sympathy to the family, friends and community of the late Loriess Delores Sisco. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you cherish her memory and continue to build her legacy.

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Testimonial Resolution

POLICE OFFICER JAMES HOWELL
“24 Years of Dedicated Service”
DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, On January 11, 2019, **POLICE OFFICER JAMES HOWELL**, badge 2458, retired from the Detroit Police Department (DPD) after twenty-four (24) years of dedicated service to the citizens of the City of Detroit; **and**

WHEREAS, **OFFICER HOWELL** was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on June 13, 1994. Upon completion of the Detroit Police Academy, **OFFICER HOWELL** was assigned to the Sixth Precinct. He also worked in various other assignments, including Tactical Mobile, the Western Precinct Support Unit and the Fourth Precinct; **and**

WHEREAS, During his career with the Detroit Police Department, **OFFICER HOWELL** was the recipient of numerous departmental awards, including the Chief's Merit Award, Chief's Unit Award, Lifesaving Citation and Medal, NFL Super Bowl XL Award, Rosa Park's Funeral Award, and the MLB All-Star Baseball Recognition Award. In addition, **OFFICER HOWELL** received many commendations and certificates of appreciation. He dedicated himself to the role of Police Officer by doing whatever was asked of him by his command staff; **and**

WHEREAS, **OFFICER JAMES HOWELL** has served the Detroit Police Department and the City of Detroit with commitment and dedication. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the **Detroit City Council** and **Council President Brenda Jones** recognize and commend **POLICE OFFICER JAMES HOWELL** for his contributions to the Detroit Police Department; working to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of Detroit; and twenty-four years of dedicated law enforcement service.

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Testimonial Resolution

POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY ELY

“31 Years of Dedicated Service”

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, On October 31, 2018, after thirty-one (31) years of service, **POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY ELY**, badge 4130, assigned to the Sixth Precinct, retired from the Detroit Police Department; **and**

WHEREAS, **OFFICER ELY** was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on May 18, 1987. Upon completion of the Detroit Police Academy, **OFFICER ELY** was assigned to the Sixth Precinct. He also worked in various other assignments, including the Northwestern District and the Tenth Precinct; **and**

WHEREAS, During his career with the Detroit Police Department, **OFFICER ELY** was the recipient of numerous departmental awards, including the Chief's Merit Award, Lifesaving Citation and Medal, NFL Super Bowl XL Award, Rosa Park's Funeral Award, and the MLB All-Star Baseball Recognition Award. In addition, **OFFICER ELY** received other commendations and certificates of appreciation. He dedicated himself to the role of Police Officer by doing whatever was asked of him by his command staff; **and**

WHEREAS, **OFFICER ANTHONY ELY** has served the Detroit Police Department and the City of Detroit with commitment and dedication. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the **Detroit City Council** and **Council President Brenda Jones** recognize and commend **POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY ELY** for his contributions to the Detroit Police Department; working to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of Detroit; and twenty-four years of dedicated law enforcement service.

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Testimonial Resolution

CRAIG MONROE

Detroit Tigers

2019 Willie Horton African-American Legacy Award Recipient

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure and privilege that we, the members of the Detroit City Council, recognize and bestow due honor upon former Detroit Tigers player, **CRAIG MONROE**, the 2019 recipient of the Willie Horton African-American Legacy Award; and

WHEREAS, **CRAIG MONROE**, nicknamed "C. Mo" was born on February 27, 1977, in Texarkana, Texas. He was drafted by the Texas Rangers in the eighth round of the 1995 Major League Baseball Draft. On July 28, 2001, at the age of 24, **MONROE** hit a home run in his first major league game for the Texas Rangers, contributing to a 2-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. On February 1, 2002, **MONROE** joined the Detroit Tigers organization. Playing his first full season in 2003, he hit 23 home runs. **MONROE** hit a grand slam home run on July 19, 2006, in a game against the Chicago White Sox which was decisive in the Tigers 5-2 win. He described it as "by far the biggest one I've ever hit." **MONROE** led the Tigers in their World Series season of 2006 with a career-high of 28 home runs. He also hit five home runs in the postseason. **MONROE** topped 20 home runs in the Majors three times – 2003, 2005 and 2006 – all with the Detroit Tigers. He tied the Tigers career postseason record of five set by Hall of Famer Hank Greenberg. During his off-the-field time with the Tigers, **MONROE** was involved with several Greater Detroit community organizations: Gloves for Kids, Tigers Dreams Come True and the Autographed Memorabilia Donation Programs. He also visited with youth at local schools; and

WHEREAS, **MONROE** played nine seasons in the Majors. He spent six seasons with Detroit and one year with Minnesota, Pittsburgh, Texas and Chicago (NL). **MONROE** played in 814 games in his career, hitting .252 with 115 home runs and 433 RBIs. **CRAIG MONROE** played his final game on June 16, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Tigers have enjoyed a long history of achievement by African-American players. The exploits of African-American stars like **CRAIG MONROE** have thrilled and inspired generations of Tigers fans. The **Willie Horton African-American Legacy Award** presentation is the culmination of the Tigers' annual Negro Leagues Weekend. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the **Detroit City Council** and office of **Council President Brenda Jones**, hereby joins with the Detroit Tigers and loyal fans in honoring **CRAIG MONROE** for his contributions to the legacy of African-Americans in baseball in the city of Detroit and across the country.

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DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

Testimonial Resolution

DEPUTY CHIEF ELVIN V. BARREN

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, On July 26, 2019, **DEPUTY CHIEF ELVIN V. BARREN**, assigned to the Neighborhood Policing Bureau-East, will retire from the Detroit Police Department after over twenty-one (21) years of dedicated service to the citizens of the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, **DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN** was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on July 6, 1998. Upon completion of the Detroit Police Academy, **OFFICER BARREN** was assigned to the Tactical Services Section. On June 14, 2006, **OFFICER BARREN** was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. His assignments included the Central District, Chief's Staff, Gaming Special Operations, the Copper Theft Task Force, Patrol Operations Bureau and Special Projects. During his tenure as a Sergeant, **BARREN** developed keen managerial and command skills. On December 21, 2010, **SERGEANT BARREN** was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned to Tactical Support. **LIEUTENANT BARREN** also served as the acting Inspector of Tactical Support. He continued to refine his leadership and was subsequently promoted to the rank of Commander on October 7, 2013. **COMMANDER BARREN** was assigned to the Downtown Services Division with responsibility for monitoring the daily operations of downtown precincts, the sports venues, entertainment district, also organizing and executing the coordination of major events. He also assumed command of the Metropolitan Division and Organized Crime Unit; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his distinguished service, **COMMANDER BARREN** was elevated to the rank of Deputy Chief on September 5, 2017. In this capacity, **DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN** was responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Neighborhood Policing Bureau-East, the Metropolitan Division and Downtown Services Division. **DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN** provided effective quality control and leadership mentoring to all of the patrol entities under his command; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious career, **DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN** was the recipient of many departmental awards, including the Lifesaving Award, Chief Merit Award, Perfect Attendance Award, the Ford Fireworks Award, Rosa Parks Funeral Award, MLB All-Star Game Award, NFL Super Bowl Award, the Conclusion of Confinement Award, Conclusion of Consent Judgement Award and the Four-Year Degree Award. **DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN** has received numerous citations, letters of appreciation, and commendations from the department, other agencies and citizens. **DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN** is currently pursuing a Master's of Science degree in Criminal Justice at Bowling Green University with an expected completion date of December 2019. He obtained a Bachelor's of Science degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University and Associate's degree in Law Enforcement Administration from Wayne County Community College. He also served as an Operations Specialist in the United States Navy for eight years and received an honorable discharge. **DEPUTY CHIEF ELVIN BARREN** has served the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of Detroit with loyalty, integrity and professionalism.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council and Council President Brenda Jones recognize and commend **DEPUTY CHIEF ELVIN BARREN** for his positive contributions to the Detroit Police Department; working to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of Detroit; and twenty-one years of dedicated law enforcement service.

Brenda Jones
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July 26, 2019

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Testimonial Resolution

MR. CHARLIE PRITCHETT

“Celebrating Your 70th Birthday”

WHEREAS,

On July 24, 2019, **MR. CHARLIE PRITCHETT** will attain the age of seventy years. The members of the Detroit City Council would like to publicly acknowledge this important event in his life; **and**

WHEREAS,

CHARLIE PRITCHETT was born on July 24, 1949, in Camden, Alabama. He received his adolescent education in the Detroit Public Schools system, graduating from Charles E. Chadsey High School in 1968. **CHARLIE** was drafted in the United States Army in 1969 and served a tour in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in February 1972; **and**

WHEREAS,

CHARLIE worked a few years at Chrysler, then began a new chapter in his life with the City of Detroit. On October 30, 1972, **CHARLIE** was admitted to the Detroit Fire Academy as a Fire Cadet. He graduated from the academy and continued his probationary period through extensive training at Engine Company 33. After completing additional strenuous training at various fire houses, **CHARLIE** graduated and joined the ranks of public service as a Detroit Firefighter on April 30, 1973; **and**

WHEREAS,

CHARLIE always displayed a strong work ethic, dedication and commitment to excellence. He rose through the ranks and was promoted to Fire Marshall on May 2, 2006. During his tenure of more than 30 years with the Detroit Fire Department, **CHARLIE** received many honors and awards, including a unit commendation for rescuing an unconscious child from a fire at 492 Lenox Street; **and**

WHEREAS,

CHARLIE is a great Husband, Father, Papa, Brother, Uncle and Friend. He is a dedicated, humble, and responsible man who demonstrates his love for God, family and friends in his daily walk through life. **CHARLIE** is a Deacon and Financial Secretary at Grace Gospel Church of Detroit. Since his move to North Carolina, he attends Mt. Zion Church of Cary. He is also a member of the Northwest Detroit Optimist Club and received the ‘Optimist of the Year’ award for 1993-1994. **CHARLIE’S** favorite words of wisdom are: “Don’t worry about things you cannot change.” **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED,

That the Detroit City Council and **Council President Brenda Jones** congratulates and honors **MR. CHARLIE PRITCHETT** upon the grand occasion of his 70th Birthday. We extend to him best wishes for continued health and happiness!

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Testimonial Resolution

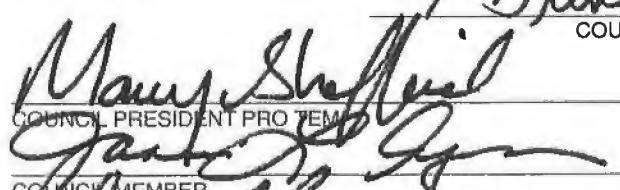
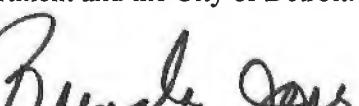
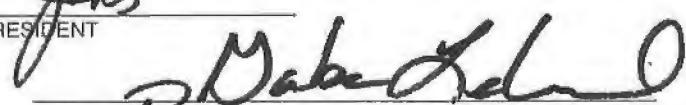
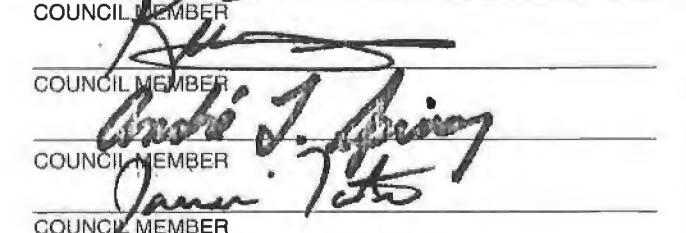
Wayne State University Police Chief Anthony Holt 40 Years of Dedicated Service

WHEREAS, In April 2019, **CHIEF ANTHONY HOLT** celebrated his 40th anniversary with the Wayne State University Police Department. A native Detroiter and son of a church minister, **HOLT** has deep roots in the Midtown/Cass Corridor area that stretch back at least 50 years. His first job as a college student was working at a full-service gas station on the corner of Second Avenue and Alexandrine. He also lived in the area on Prentis Street. **HOLT** joined the Wayne State police force after graduating from Wayne State with a sociology degree. His tenure extends to the late 1970s, when the Wayne State police force was a mere third of its current size. **HOLT** rose through the ranks to become chief in 2008; and

WHEREAS, **CHIEF HOLT'S** view of community policing is relatively simple; an effective police force must be an essential part of the community. In 2011, the launching of Live Midtown challenged **CHIEF HOLT** with a broader definition of his department's place and mission. He reorganized the department's resources, which were primarily devoted to the main campus and extended the boundaries. **HOLT** focused 80 percent of his resources on policing the perimeter of the campus to increase public safety on the campus and in the surrounding neighborhoods. **CHIEF HOLT** works relentlessly to analyze crime, establish partnerships, and involve the community. The department collaborates with multiple levels of law enforcement, including the Henry Ford Health System, Detroit Police, the Wayne County Sheriff, Detroit Medical Center police, and others. **CHIEF HOLT** has brought in a different method of policing, using COMPSTAT data-driven technology, surveillance cameras, and other high-tech devices. The campus police use the data to track crime reports, plot incidents on maps and zero in on patterns so decisions can be made on how to eliminate "hot spots" of criminal activity. At Wayne State, the crime-fighting initiatives are working – the force's quick response times and commitment to public safety have created an increasing counterweight to crime in the area; and

WHEREAS, **CHIEF ANTHONY HOLT** is widely respected throughout the law enforcement community as a disciplined leader and consummate professional with the proven ability to deliver results. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council and Council President Brenda Jones, hereby congratulates and commends **CHIEF ANTHONY HOLT** for his significant contributions to the Wayne State University Police Department and the City of Detroit.

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|  <p>JASON J. GRAY COUNCIL MEMBER</p> |  <p>BRIANNE B. BEALE COUNCIL MEMBER</p> |  <p>LESLIE J. JONES COUNCIL MEMBER</p> |
|  <p>PRAGEL CASTAÑEDA-JONES COUNCIL MEMBER</p> | |  <p>JAMES TOTO COUNCIL MEMBER</p> |

July 16, 2019

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*Testimonial Resolution***Commander Joseph R. Brunson***"Congratulations on Your Retirement"***United States Navy**

- WHEREAS** On Thursday, August 1, 2019, **Commander Joseph R. Brunson**, retired from the United States Navy, after more than 20 years of honorable service to this great country. He was born and raised in the city of Detroit. **Commander Joseph R. Brunson** was educated in the Detroit Public Schools System, graduating from Redford High School in 1999; and
- WHEREAS** Upon his graduation, **Commander Joseph R. Brunson** left home and headed to the United States Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island, with intentions of attending and graduating from the United States Naval Academy. After some extremely hard work, determination and perseverance, Joseph successfully completed his mission. He graduated from the Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics; and
- WHEREAS** After numerous assignments and naval tours of duty, he was selected and attended Naval Flight School, earning his wings in September 2001. **Commander Joseph R. Brunson** has been a Naval Aviator since that date, piloting the Navy's P3 Surveillance Plane. He has also earned a Master's Degree and he is currently pursuing his PhD; and
- WHEREAS** During his tenure in the navy, **Commander Joseph R. Brunson** has traveled the globe. He has never abandoned his Detroit roots, traveling back home on numerous occasions to support not only his family members and friends in their own endeavors, but also to attend various Detroit functions; and
- WHEREAS** **Commander Joseph R. Brunson** returned home to recruit for the United States Navy, and also to give of his time to provide mentorship and guidance to other young people, who may be interested in a military career, or who simply want to talk and get some advice on how to succeed in life. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED** That **Council President Brenda Jones** and the **Detroit City Council**, along with family and friends, would like to take this time to extend Congratulations to **Commander Joseph R. Brunson** on this wonderful occasion. May God grant you every success now and in the years to come!

Mary Cappel *Brenda Jones*
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August 31, 2019

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Testimonial Resolution

Reverend Lawrence T. Foster
25th Pastoral Anniversary
Calvary Baptist Church of Detroit

WHEREAS

Reverend Lawrence T. Foster was born and nurtured where "little cable cars climb halfway to the stars"- San Francisco, California. He received his undergraduate education at Morehouse College, in Atlanta, GA, and his graduate and post-graduate theological education at Harvard University Divinity School in Cambridge, MA; and

WHEREAS

Reverend Lawrence T. Foster is celebrating 25 years of ministry at Calvary Baptist Church of Detroit, where he has served as senior pastor since 1994. Pastor Foster served as the Mayoral Appointee for two administrations as Treasurer, the Virginia Park-Henry Ford Hospital Non Profit Housing Corporation Board of Directors in Detroit, Michigan, and was a member of the Board of Directors for the Michigan AIDS Coalition; and

WHEREAS

Reverend Lawrence T. Foster is the former Chaplain, Executive Director and Director of Community Development for the United Methodist Retirement Communities (Detroit Campus), an organization he served for nearly sixteen years. He is also the past State President (Michigan), Vice President-at-Large of the Midwest Region, and Assistant General Secretary for the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. He continues to serve PNBC as a member of the Missionary ministry and as an advisor for the International Region. **Reverend Lawrence T. Foster** work now extends to the countries of Liberia and Nigeria in West Africa where he is involved in agriculture, trade and economic development. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED

That the Detroit City Council and Office of Council President Brenda Jones, along with Calvary Baptist Church of Detroit, family and friends would like to take this time to extend Congratulations to **Reverend Lawrence T. Foster** on this wonderful occasion. May God continue to bless him in abundance!

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COUNCIL MEMBER

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July 21, 2019

TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM FOR *Deacon Richard Burk, Sr.*

OCTOBER 24, 1934 - JULY 19, 2019
SUBMITTED BY COUNCILMAN GABE LELAND

WHEREAS Richard Burk Sr. was born to the late Reverend Lucious and Leola Burk in Hamtramck, Michigan on October 24, 1934. Richard was the youngest of eight children; **and**

WHEREAS Richard received his education in the Hamtramck Public School System, graduating in the class of 1953. A natural athlete, he excelled as a member of the Hamtramck Cosmos Basketball Team where he played forward, and received many certificates and awards – Athletic Varsity Basketball 1948-1953; All Suburban Prep Basketball – 1953; Top Senior Athlete – 1953. In track, he received the Hamtramck Senior High School Athletic Association Award – 1952, the year they won the All-City and All-State Championship Title. Providing himself to be naturally gifted in other areas. Richard sang in the Hamtramck High School Chorus where he received a certificate from Director, Robert Braman; **and**

WHEREAS Richard started at an early age on his Christian journey at Macedonia Baptist Church in Hamtramck, where he accepted Christ and was baptized under the pastoral guidance of the late Reverend J. A. Watson. Richard later joined Leland Missionary Baptist Church, where he faithfully served under the pastoral leadership of the late Reverend H.C. Banks, the late Reverend Eugene Rhodes, Reverend Cecil Poe, Reverend George Clay, Jr., Reverend David Bookai, and the current pastor, Reverend Frank J. Knolton, Jr.; **and**

WHEREAS Richard Burk, Sr. attended Leland Bible Institute and took such classes as; “The Old Testament” - Reverend Elton Hudson; “Church Etiquette” – Reverend James Byers”; “Salvation, Outreach, Growth and Development in the Study and Application of God’s Word” – Reverend George W. Clay, Jr.; **and**

WHEREAS Richard Burk, Sr. was ordained a Deacon on January 4, 2004 by Reverend Cecil A. Poe. Later appointed Chairman of the Trustee Board and initiated and oversaw quite a few improvements. Under the direction of Deacon Richard Addie, Chairman of the Deacon Board both boards worked together to produce an impressive list of accomplishments. The entire church was remodeled with new pews, carpet, window treatments. Additional property was purchased, lots were repaved and new fencing placed on the property. Deacon Burk and a good friend, Mr. John Smith, painted the entire church. After over thirty-five years of dedicated service and a lengthy illness, he retired as the Chairman of the Trustee Board, earning the title of Chairman Emeritus. On December 1, 2007, Deacon Richard Burk Sr. received a Golden Membership Award for fifty years of dedicated service; **and**

WHEREAS Richard worked for Chrysler Corporation and then Comerica Bank, from which he retired. An entrepreneur Richard and his friend Henry “Chick” Edge, owned and operated D & C Janitorial Services; **and**

WHEREAS Richard took pride in his large, and loving family, the Socialite Club, Families United in Love of which he was the patriarch. Deacon Richard Burk Sr. leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife Sharon of thirty-four years; children Diane (Keith) Stewman; Rachelle Diane Burk; Richard (Donna) Burk Jr.; Jade Stewart; Rhonda (O’Neil) Carter; daughter-in-law Veretia Burk; sister – Vera Burk; thirteen grandchildren – Marcus (Yvonne), Verdious, Tony, Stacia, Ebony, Richard III, Donita, Kahsara (Damon), Marquita (Chris), Bernadette, Mary Milo, O’Neil, Jordan; twenty-eight great grandchildren, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. **NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE**

RESOLVED That Councilman Gabe Leland and Members of Detroit City Council hereby join family and friends in celebrating the life and legacy of **Deacon Richard Burk, Sr.** May the memories of his love, faith, and hard work be cherished always and continue to fill the hearts of his many love ones.

TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM FOR Timothy Michael Martin

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June 15, 1977 - July 22, 2019

SUBMITTED BY COUNCILMAN GABE LELAND

WHEREAS Timothy Michael Martin was born to Alice Marie Martin and the late Emmanuel King in Detroit, Michigan. He was the second of nine children and the first-born son; **and**

WHEREAS Timothy was a very happy and personable child. He constantly kept everyone laughing and always wore his signature, “*larger than life*” smile; **and**

WHEREAS Timothy was raised in a God-fearing home and accepted Christ as his personal savior at an early age. He was baptized under the pastorate of Rev. Eddie Cole of Christian Union Missionary Baptist Church. He served on the Junior Usher Board and was a member of the “Pastor’s Specials” Youth Choir and Inspirational Choir of Christian Union. Timothy was also an active member of the Youth Department of Prospect Baptist District Association; **and**

WHEREAS Timothy served on the Junior Usher Board and was a member of the “Pastor’s Special” Youth Choir and Inspirational Choir of Christian Union. Timothy was also an active member of the Youth Department of Prospect Baptist District Association and involved in numerous community outreach projects through church and school; **and**

WHEREAS Timothy showed musical interests when he was very young. He showed interest in several instruments, playing trumpet in middle school. He was also fond of singing. He was not only talented, but smart. Tim was an extremely astute young man and was accepted into Cass Technical High School where he excelled in his studies; **and**

WHEREAS Tim lost his father at the age of eight, and his uncles were committed to supporting his mother by helping to instill in him a sense of family and teaching him what it means to be a real man, husband and father. Tim had special people such as Uncle Walter Chris, Aunt Pam, Uncle Paul and Aunt Tina Martin who were instrumental in the raising, nurturing and caring for Tim during his teen years; **and**

WHEREAS Tim united with Second Ebenezer Church during his teen years under the leadership of Bishop Edgar Vann. Under Bishop Vann’s tutelage, Tim served on the Bus and Security Ministries alongside his uncle James and also sang with the “Majestic Voices.” Tim always happily gave of himself in whatever capacity he was needed; **and**

WHEREAS Tim, a hard worker doesn’t begin to describe his work ethic. He started his first job at the age of 14, working for the City of Detroit’s youth jobs program. During his career he worked in security at Huntington Bank, as a cook at IHOP and Mark IV. He was an interstate driver for Swift Trucking Company and for the past ten years served as a popular Smart Transportation bus driver primarily serving the Gratiot route from Detroit through Macomb County; **and**

WHEREAS Timothy married Sherlonda Hall in 2005 and to this union two delightful boys were born, Aiden Ra’saan and Ashton My’kal. God later blessed Timothy and Ciara McCord with two precious sons, Amari Josiah and Amir DeSean. He proudly and lovingly referred to his sons as the “A Team.” In case you missed it, all their names begin with “A”; **and**

WHEREAS Tim and the A team were always taking part in all kinds of educational, interactive and stimulating activities, no matter the time of year. Anyone who knew anything about Tim, knew that his sons were his whole world; **and**

WHEREAS Timothy had an extraordinary and broad support system that began with his mom and grandmother, Augustine Martin, his Godmother Deborah Strouse, who preceded him in death. Tim garnered support and love throughout the years from his Christian Union and Second Ebenezer church families, his awesome work family at Smart Transportation and his siblings with whom he had an amazing bond, as well as a host of others that adopted him as their own. Tim was received and loved by everyone that was blessed to cross his path; **and**

WHEREAS In the past year the Lord showered Tim with the unconditional love he had long hoped for when he met his soul mate and fiancé LaSha Harris; **and**

WHEREAS Tim was loved by his mother and family, “Beyond Words,” God loved him best. He leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Alice (Donnell Sr.); Grandmother, Augustine (Ester, who preceded him in death); his children, Aiden, Ashton, Amari, and Amir; his siblings, Toni, Tiffany (Marcrease), Teresa, Tramaine, Terrell (Mytoshini), Terrance (Shada), Tamia and Trevion; his nieces, Zahara, Kaydreana, Kennedy, Lauryn, Makayla, Brooklyn, Amya; his nephews, Kenneth Jr., Darell III, and Terrell Jr.; six special cousins, C.J., Shantinique, Justin, Joffry, Tylei, and Kingston; his Godmother, Wanda Jones and a host of other relatives and friends. **NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE**

RESOLVED That Councilman Gabe Leland and Members of Detroit City Council hereby join family and friends in celebrating the life of **Timothy Michael Martin**. May the memories of his love, faith, and hard work be cherished always and may it continue to fill the hearts of so many who love him.

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Testimonial Resolution

Welcome Hunt Family Reunion

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WHEREAS: In the late 1800's when family patriarch Reverend Henry James Hunt was born in Bostic, North Carolina in 1891. Meeting the former Maggie Davis, they married in 1915 as they were both sharecroppers and settled in McAlpin, West Virginia. To this union 11 children were born and the family worked and lived in a coal mining culture in West Virginia. Reverend Hunt during that time, founded the Patterson Temple church in 1926; **and**

WHEREAS: Rev. Henry and Maggie and some of their children migrated from West Virginia and World War II to the City of Detroit, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, with some remaining in West Virginia. The five sons moved to Detroit in the early 1950s in hopes of becoming employed with the booming auto industry; **and**

WHEREAS: The descendants of Rev. Henry and Maggie Hunt are the Williams, McCrays, Deberry, Kincaid, Morrow, and Woods. The Hunts proudly represent a family of public servants, pastor's, educators, doctors, business owners, lawyers, entrepreneurs, career military, sports and entertainment professionals, auto industry and adults of all walks of life, who live and serve the communities in which they reside. Our descendants expand five generations. Our family motto is, "We've Come This Far by Faith". The center of our lives has been our commitment to God and family. Coming together as a family annually since its beginning in 1972, establishes the Hunt Family Reunion as one of the longest standing traditions of our family. The Detroit family proudly host this year's reunion with family member traveling from Atlanta, Cincinnati, Chicago, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Charleston, WV, and Carolette, NC, with the theme of #MotownStyle and honors the importance of the City of Detroit in the history of the Hunt Family; **NOW**

THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That on this, 8th day of August, in the year 2019, Councilman James E. Tate, Jr. and the entire Detroit City Council welcome all members of the Hunt family as you gather for festive activities and reflect on the legacy of generations past. You should be proud of your family heritage, keep it strong and pass the history and wisdom onto future generations.

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